

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. – 10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A gearbox arrangement for a vehicle, comprising:

a first gearbox section, wherein the first gearbox section comprises a first gearbox assembly;

a second gearbox section, wherein the second gearbox section comprises a second gearbox assembly and a bearing plate, the second gear box assembly is a power take-off assembly, and the first and second gearbox sections cooperate to form part of a lubricant sump; and

a lubricant encapsulated at least partially in the first and second gearbox sections, wherein more lubricant is retained in one of the first and second gearbox sections that is operating at a lower speed relative to the other of the first and second gearbox sections that is operating at a higher speed; and

a separator, wherein the separator is mounted to the bearing plate, and the separator extends from the base of the gearbox arrangement up to at least the height of a gearbox input shaft.

12. (currently amended) The gearbox arrangement of claim 11, wherein

the first gearbox assembly is a differential assembly;

the differential assembly comprises a ring gear, and the ring gear rotates about an axis;

the second gearbox section ~~comprises a bearing plate~~ is defined by a plane; and

the axis and the plane are parallel to one another.

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) The gearbox arrangement of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 11, wherein the separator comprises a return.
15. (previously presented) The gearbox arrangement of claim 14, wherein the return is in the form of a through-hole.
16. (previously presented) The gearbox arrangement of claim 14, wherein the return is in the form of a return channel.
17. (currently amended) The gearbox arrangement of claim 14, comprising a flexible housing seal, wherein the housing seal is fastened to the separator, and the housing seal mates with the gearbox housing.
18. (previously presented) The gearbox arrangement of claim 17 wherein the flexible housing seal is a steel strip.
19. (previously presented) The gearbox arrangement of claim 17 wherein the flexible housing seal is rubber.
20. (currently amended) The gearbox arrangement of claim 17 wherein the flexible housing seal is plastic.
21. (previously presented) The gearbox arrangement of claim 11, comprising a guide contained within at least one of the first and second gearbox sections.
22. (previously presented) The gearbox arrangement of claim 11, comprising an air pump in communication with the main gearbox portion to force lubricant located in the main gearbox portion into a lubricant channel and into the first and second gearbox sections.
23. (previously presented) The gearbox arrangement of claim 12, comprising
a separator comprising a return, wherein the separator is mounted to at least one of the first and second gearbox sections, and the separator extends from the

base of the gearbox arrangement up to at least the height of a gearbox input shaft.

 a guide contained within at least one of the first and second gearbox sections;
 an air pump in communication with the main gearbox portion to force lubricant located in the main gearbox portion into a lubricant channel and, ultimately, into the first and second gearbox sections; and

 a housing seal, wherein the housing seal is fastened to the separator, and the housing seal mates with the gearbox housing.